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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No. 36671-740.301**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	)		
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Inventor(s): Kenneth F. Buechler, et al.	)	Examiner:	Lisa V. Cook
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Application No. 09/712,615	)	Art Unit:	1641
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Filed: November 13, 2000	)	Confirmation No.:	4653
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Title: METHODS FOR MONITORING	)	Customer No.:	080984
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for Extension of Time is requested for a reply within the third month, extending the response date to February 26, 2009. The fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) is electronically submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.